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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR TAXI SERVICE IN BERLIN

REF: BONN 14356; USBERLIN 2323

1. DEPT SUPPORTS APPROVAL OF BERLINAIR APPLICATION
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE TROUBLED BY STRICTNESS OF
UK PRECONDITIONS BUT, SINCE BERLINAIR CAN ACCEPT THEM
(PROVIDED UK DOES NOT DRAG ITS FEET ON APPROVING
FLIGHTS TO UK), WE WOULD PREFER TO SWALLOW THEM RATHER
THAN INCUR FURTHER DELAY.

2. BRITISH INSISTENCE ON PRIOR APPROVAL OF EACH AIR
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TAXI FLIGHT TO THE UK STRIKES US AS PARTICULARLY
UNREASONABLE EVEN FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW THAT UK
COMMERCIAL CARRIERS SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM COMPETITION.

UNLIKE THE PAN AM CHARTER ISSUE, THE IMPACT WHICH
SUCH FLIGHTS COULD HAVE ON BRITISH COMMERCIAL CARRIERS
IS NEGLIGIBLE. WE BELIEVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR PRIOR

APPROVAL OF EACH BERLINAIR FLIGHT COULD HAVE A CHILLING EFFECT ON UK PORTION OF BERLINAIR'S BUSINESS SINCE ONE MAJOR ADVANTAGE OF AIR TAXI SERVICE IS ITS ABILITY TO REACT TO LAST MINUTE NEEDS. USCAA SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE EFFORT TO OBTAIN UK CONSENT TO BLANKET AUTHORIZATION FOR BERLINAIR FLIGHTS TO UK. THIS COULD BE FOR LIMITED LENGTH OF TIME, PERHAPS MONTH BY MONTH, WHICH SHOULD GIVE THEM ADEQUATE CONTROL WITHOUT REDUCING ATTRACTIVENESS OF BERLINAIR TO BERLIN BUSINESSMEN WISHING TO TRAVEL TO UK ON SHORT NOTICE. SHOULD UK REMAIN ADAMENT, USCAA SHOULD SUPPORT BERLINAIR'S REQUEST THAT UK PERMISSION BE OBTAINABLE WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER FLIGHT REQUEST IS MADE TO CAA'S (USBERLIN 2323).

3. USCAA SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO BRITISH THAT US ACCEPTANCE OF RESTRICTIVE CONDITIONS FOR BERLINAIR SHOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD AS US ACQUIESCENCE IN THE PRINCIPLE THAT LANDING RIGHTS FOR ALLIED CHARTER CARRIERS FROM BERLIN TO UK (PAN AM) MAY BE RESTRICTED BY THE UK. VANCE

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